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Amendment filed with RCE

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Makoto OOKI  
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For : IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS  
AND IMAGE FORMING METHOD  
Art Unit : 2876  
Examiner : Edwyn Labaze

**AMENDMENT FILED  
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This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination in response to the Final Office Action mailed January 26, 2005 (a response to which was filed on March 22, 2005, within two months), and the Advisory Action dated May 4, 2005, the term for response to which is extended by one month by petition filed concurrently herewith to June 4, 2005.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-21 are canceled; claims 22, 23, 25, 26, 40 and 41 are amended; claims 24-39 and 42 are maintained; and claims 43 and 44 are added.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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Dated: May 26, 2005

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